REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified patent application filed concurrently with this Amendment B, Applicant requests consideration for allowance of Claims 17 through 29 which are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art of record in this application. An early and favorable action on the merits of Claims 17 through 29 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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